

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the Missouri Department of Corrections; and

Whereas, Mollie Ryerson, an esteemed resident of Fulton, Missouri, will officially retire from the Fulton Reception and Diagnostic Center on December 31, 2003, after eleven years of exceptional service; and

Whereas, Mollie Ryerson has successfully completed the many duties and tasks placed before her throughout her impressive tenure as a Senior Office Support Assistant, prior to which time she served the Department as a Clerk Typist II; and

Whereas, during her long and illustrious career with the Department, Mollie Ryerson served as Special Olympics Coordinator from 1997 to 2000, helped raise more than \$10,000 for the FRDC contribution, and received the Employee of the Month award in 1995 and 1998, the Employee of the Year award in 1998, and a Dudley Award for her dedication to the Special Olympics; and

Whereas, before joining the Missouri Department of Corrections, Mollie Ryerson found employment opportunities as an HHP I and through various supervisory positions with the Army Air Force Exchange Service in the state of Virginia from 1966 to 1990 ; and

Whereas, an active member of Richland Ministries where she serves as a board member, Mollie Ryerson has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her devoted husband, Ralph Ryerson; her two sons, Patrick Knight and Robert Knight; her daughter-in-law, Danielle Knight; her three grandchildren, Alayna, Matthew, and Andrew; her stepson and his wife, Ed and Julie Ryerson; her stepdaughter, Tina; her four step-grandchildren, Brittnay, Mickey, Billy, and Shayne; her parents, Clyde and June Zediker of Newport News, Virginia; her brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Betty Zediker of England; her sister and brother-in-law, Kate and Julio Lugo of Hampton, Virginia; and her nieces and nephews, Sara, Greg, William, Ronnie, and June:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Mollie Ryerson for her many years of unparalleled service to the Missouri Department of Corrections and to the citizenry of the Show-Me State, and in wishing her the long, relaxing, and enjoyable retirement she so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mollie Ryerson.

Offered by _____
Representative Danie Moore
District No. 20

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4707, adopted November 19, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker